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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the application of:

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For: NOVEL PLASTIC BASED COMPOSITE AND ITS USE

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AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

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Sir:

In response to the Official Action mailed April 2, 2001, a Petition and fee for a two month Extension of Time being submitted herewith, please amend this application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please cancel claims 3 and 17 without prejudice or disclaimer.

Please rewrite claim 1 as follows:

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1. (Once Amended) A composite intended for medical use, in particular surgical or therapeutic use, characterized in that it comprises a mixture of
- a thermoplastic component plasticizable within the temperature range $-10^{\circ} \dots +100^{\circ} \text{C}$, which is substantially made up of hydroxy acids and structural units derived from hydroxy acid derivatives, and the molar mass of which is within the range 10,000 - 1,000,000 g/mol, and which degrades in the body typically within a period

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